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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/698,022	CATASUS-SERVIA, JORDI J.
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Steven J. Ganey	3752

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to amendment filed October 27, 2006.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5 and 8-45.
3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
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4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____.	7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
	9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.

## **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claims 1-3, 5 and 8-25: The prior art did not teach or suggest an air assist fuel injector as claimed by the applicant, specifically an air assist fuel injector comprising a single piece metallic body that forms part of the metallic core of the solenoid, the body having an impact surface upon which the poppet repeatedly impacts during operation of the injector, a portion of the body configured to be engaged by the armature, together in combination with the other claimed features of applicant's invention. In addition, applicant's arguments filed October 27, 2006 are well taken and were found to be convincing.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claims 26-38: The prior art did not teach or suggest an air assist fuel injector as claimed by the applicant, specifically an air assist fuel injector comprising a single piece stainless steel body that forms part of the metallic core of the solenoid, the body having an impact surface upon which the poppet repeatedly impacts during operation of the injector, an end portion of the body being adjacent the solenoid coil, together in combination with the other claimed features of applicant's invention. In addition, applicant's arguments filed October 27, 2006 are well taken and were found to be convincing.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claim 39: The prior art did not teach or suggest an air assist fuel injector as claimed by the applicant, specifically an air assist fuel injector comprising a single piece metallic body that forms part of the metallic core of the solenoid, the body having an impact surface upon which the poppet repeatedly impacts during operation of the injector, the metallic body having an end portion configured to be

engaged by the armature, together in combination with the other claimed features of applicant's invention. In addition, applicant's arguments filed October 27, 2006 are well taken and were found to be convincing.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claims 40-45: The prior art did not teach or suggest an air assist fuel injector as claimed by the applicant, specifically an air assist fuel injector comprising a single piece metallic body that forms part of the metallic core of the solenoid, the body having an impact surface upon which the poppet repeatedly impacts during operation of the injector, the body having an end portion adjacent the armature, together in combination with the other claimed features of applicant's invention. In addition, applicant's arguments filed October 27, 2006 are well taken and were found to be convincing.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven J. Ganey whose telephone number is 571-272-4899. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00-5:00; M, Tu, W and Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached on 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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